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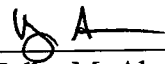
SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION

Sir:

The owner of the above U.S. patent application qualifies for small entity status. Thus, the owner requests small entity status and is entitled to pay small entity fees.

To the extent that there are any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact the owner's undersigned attorney.

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